

Fiscal Note

Fiscal Services Division



HF 2297 – Pharmacy Benefit Managers Regulation (LSB 5250HV)
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Description

[House File 2297](#) permits the Insurance Commissioner and the Insurance Division to require pharmacy benefit managers (PBM) to submit information on the pricing methodology for the maximum reimbursement amount used to reimburse pharmacies. The contract between a pharmacy and a PBM is to allow for the pharmacy to comment on, contest, or appeal the maximum reimbursement amount rates.

Assumptions

- The requirements could increase PBM operating costs and could increase the costs passed on to the consumers. These costs will likely be negligible to the State.
- There are few PBMs, so the change will involve minimal extra work for the Insurance Division.
- Medicaid is not a covered entity subject to regulation by the Insurance Division, so there is no anticipated impact for the Department of Human Services.

Fiscal Impact

[HF 2297](#) will have a negligible impact on State agencies and expenditures.

Sources

Department of Administrative Services
Wellmark Blue Cross and Blue Shield
Insurance Division, Department of Commerce
Department of Human Services

/s/ Holly M. Lyons

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The fiscal note for this bill was prepared pursuant to [Joint Rule 17](#) and the Iowa Code. Data used in developing this fiscal note is available from the Fiscal Services Division of the Legislative Services Agency upon request.
